

**LIFE INSURANCE RULINGS**

RELATE TO FORMS OF HEALTH AND ACCIDENT POLICIES.

insurance Departments of New York and Massachusetts Call Attention to the Fact that the Uniform Health and Accident Provision Law Is in Effect.

ALBANY, Sept. 29.—The insurance departments of New York and Massachusetts today issued a circular of rulings and suggestions relative to the forms of health and accident policies to be filed with such departments for approval. The so-called uniform health and accident provision bill became a law in these States through action of their legislatures of 1910. Its purpose is to standardize certain provisions in insurance policies of this class and to prevent the use of other provisions that have been found unsatisfactory or delusive.

The rulings and suggestions given out today phrase for the insurance companies the so-called nine standard provisions and indicate the views of the departments as to certain other provisions generally found in policies of this kind. Two notable changes in the practice of health and accident companies will probably be accomplished as a result of these rulings.

Heretofore it has been the custom of most casualty companies to dispense with applications signed by the proposed insured, but in lieu thereof there has been printed on the back of the policies so-called schedules of warranties purporting to be statements made by the insured at the time of the application, but not filed in the agent's hands, and to the truth of which the insured is bound by the terms of the policy on its being accepted and paid for by him. The two departments have ruled that schedules of warranties will no longer be permitted, and that while a warranty slip can be written without formal application if there is written application it must be signed by the insured. It is also suggested to the companies that the application forms be so phrased as to direct the attention of the insured specifically to the representations made thereon.

It has also been the custom of companies of this class to insert clauses in their policies to the effect that the issuance of a new policy on the same insured shall cancel every prior policy written by the same company. Inasmuch as the insured has by the terms of the old policy often acquired a vested interest in certain policies it has been thought best to suggest the reversal of the rule. Hence the departments suggest that the effect that such policy shall be void in case the company already has a policy on the insured unless the new policy contains an endorsement to the effect that the prior policy may be continued in force.

The time for the companies to file their 1911 policy forms has been extended to October 15.

**Public Service Commission's Appeal Dismissed.**

ALBANY, Sept. 29.—On the ground of lack of jurisdiction the Court of Appeals today dismissed the appeal of the New York city Public Service Commission from an order of the Appellate Division in favor of the Long Acre Light and Power Company. The lower court annulled a decision of the commission denying the application of the company for authority to issue stock and bonds and referred the matter back to the commission for further determination.

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**GOSSIP OF WALL STREET.**

Occasionally it pays to employ an inexperienced broker to execute a big order. One day this week one of the youngest members of the exchange appeared on the floor with an order to sell 6,000 shares of an active railroad stock. It was the biggest order he had ever had and he couldn't conceal the fact that it was a big commission with which he was entrusted. Therefore as soon as he made an offer to sell a big block of his stock the alert floor traders sold a good deal for themselves, and the stock had sold off materially before the end of the day. The broker had disposed of any part of his 6,000 shares. Just as his selling order was suddenly cancelled, it turned out later that accompanying the selling order given to the young broker was a buying order for 2,000 shares given to an old and proficient broker. The latter got his stock from the floor traders at prices below the market. Only when the floor traders went to get their stock back and the market bounded sharply upward did they discover just what had happened.

Money was firmer in all the world's financial centres. The Bank of England raised its minimum rate of discount from 3 to 4 per cent. Its weekly statement showed a reserve ratio of 50.39 per cent., as compared with 53.36 per cent. last week and 50.36 per cent. in the corresponding week last year. The ratio remained well above the ten year average, but the bank lost more than \$8,000,000 gold in the course of the week, and advances in discount rates on the continent would doubtless have increased after heavy losses had not the English banks raised rates. The weekly statement of the Bank of France showed a loss of 9,000,000 francs in gold and 3,000,000 francs in silver. Money was higher in Berlin, and the National Bank of Belgium raised its discount rate from 3½ to 4½ per cent.

In this city call money was again higher. It began at 2 per cent. in the morning, but after renewals had been made at 2½ per cent. and most of the day's business done at that rate it declined to 2 per cent. and closed at 2½ per cent. The banks again lost heavily on operations with the Sub-Treasury, but on the day following the month and the eight months ended with August, 1910, compared with the corresponding periods of the preceding year have just been completed by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor as follows:

		Imports	
		Month of August	Month of July
Europe	\$10,478,569	\$9,160,962	\$8,962,532
North America	22,416,652	20,600,625	19,500,625
South America	11,763,045	12,225,121	12,225,121
Asia and Oceania	10,100,361	10,100,361	10,100,361
Africa	1,005,840	9,926,442	9,926,442
Eight Months Ending		Aug. 30, 1910.	
Europe	\$475,000,116	\$82,247,041	\$82,247,041
North America	202,017,358	19,451,572	19,451,572
South America	14,835,473	15,071,812	15,071,812
Asia and Oceania	12,454,390	12,659,185	12,659,185
EXPORTS		Month of August	
Europe	\$8,231,315	\$8,000,220	\$8,000,220
North America	20,298,549	20,465,200	20,465,200
South America	8,814,361	11,180,361	11,180,361
Asia and Oceania	1,621,687	1,821,075	1,821,075
Africa	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sept. 1, 1910.		Aug. 30, 1910.	
Europe	\$21,364,815	\$80,260,220	\$80,260,220
North America	22,361,360	27,625,062	27,625,062
South America	22,577,728	22,600,000	22,600,000
Asia and Oceania	78,567,360	78,568,360	78,568,360
Africa	11,127,860	12,658,521	12,658,521

**INSPECT PENNA. STATION.****Southern Railway Officials Also Go Through the Tunnels.**

President W. W. Finley of the Southern Railway and a party of officials of the road and its affiliated lines inspected the new Pennsylvania station yesterday afternoon and then went through the tunnels. The party was escorted by Second Vice-President Samuel Rea, Secretary A. J. County and George Gibbs, chief engineer of electric traction of the Pennsylvania. A special train took the members of the party through the tunnels to New Jersey and to Long Island.

The inspection preceded by a luncheon given by Mr. Finley at the Railroad Club in the Hudson Terminal Building. Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation and a director of the Southern Railway, and President Finley were among the speakers.

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**\$500,000 IN SEALSkins.****St. Louis Furriers Want to Cure and Dry Them Will Not Let Sam Over a Million.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—A delegation of St. Louis business men waited on Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel today in an effort to induce Uncle Sam to patronize their industry. Some time ago 11,000 male fur seals from the Government herd on the Pribilof Islands were killed, as the Government authorities said, in the interest of conserving the herd. The skins were brought to San Francisco and from there shipped to New York city, where the crop will be in excess of 3,000,000 bushels.

It is desired that the crop be in practically all the grain houses.

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**CORN DECLINED MORE THAN A CENT.**

ALBANY, Sept. 29.—The national ginner report made the corn market go down to 2½ cents a bushel and so a 2 cent drop. As was the case on the previous day, the nearby deliveries failed to advance as rapidly as the far contracts. It was pointed out that the early deliveries were being sold as "hedges" against the actual cotton bought in the South, whereas practically all the buying for outside account is concentrated in the fall delivery. Some said in the market that the remote contracts by a remote date were being held by the public as decided by the market. They argue that large spot interests are taking advantage of the same buyers who are buying January-March instead of the deferred contracts. There are some who think that the Norden estimate is somewhere from one to one and a half million bushels short of the prediction. It is felt that the market will be good for 20 cent instead of 15 cent cotton.

In one quarter the recent advance is believed to have discounted everything bullish in the situation and the Government has shown a contract under to use a future date.

There is a great deal of uncertainty as to the English labor situation, but the fact that Liverpool sent buying orders here yesterday could be relied on. In fact it was rumored that the operatives would give up 10 per cent. in pay.

The English firms are the best held by Hubbard, Weld, Gifford, Schiffer, Wilson, Gome, Large and Phillips, interests bought the nearby

and London and Austin from Florence, S. C.

A personal investigation has disclosed that business transacted in the firm of H. H. Schlesinger &amp; Co. in London to-day was not legitimate.

The St. Louis furriers, it is said, apparently are not in a position to undertake the job immediately. When cured and dried the skins will net the Government more than a million dollars.

**FINANCIAL NOTES.**

It was announced yesterday that \$2,000,000 refunding 5 per cent. bonds of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company of Chicago, which were recently issued, will be called on October 15.

The bond market was again firm and active over and over again for making preparations for making it their home for the next three months. It is expected that the Whites will move into the mansion the latter part of next week, when Lieut.-Gov. White assumes his position as successor to Gov. Hughes.

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